

I prefer to have the CHOICE of which ISP I want to use. I won't receive my personalized, courteous customer service from a HUGE impersonal phone company with a big head where I am only a number. Limiting consumer choice is the equivalent of backing a lion into a corner...there will be some serious pouncing soon after. Instead of drawing this whole thing out with EXPENSIVE attorneys and court proceedings, just admit that choice is best for everyone and that's that. You wouldn't want YOUR choices limited in the type of car you drive...what if YUGO took over the car industry and only offered you a certain type of car at a "BMW" price? Let us (the internet consumers) surf in the domain we choose. Smart and savvy internet users go with local ISP's that are inexpensive and reliable. We are keeping small businesses alive. It should stay that way. Thank you.

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.